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MATEJ BEL UNIVERSITY
Faculty of Education
Department of Theology and Christian Education
Banská Bystrica



Characteristics of the Study Program

- Title of the study program: **Theology PhD.**
 - Study field: **2.1.12 Theology**
 - Degree of the study: **3rd level - Postgraduate doctoral degree**
 - Duration of study: **3 academic years (internal form) 5 years (external form)**
 - Degree: **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD.)**
 - Guarantor of the program: **Prof. ThDr. Pavel Procházka, PhD.**
- co-guarantors: Doc. ThDr. Albín Masarik, PhD., Doc. ThDr. Pavel Hanes, PhD.**

Scope of the Study Program

The PhD. program trains students in the appropriate linguistic, historical, comparative, analytical, or constructive skills for research and teaching in theological studies. Its scope includes the latest knowledge of theology. The core topics of the study program include Biblical and religious studies, ecumenical, ethical, diaconical, philosophical and historical research. The study program graduate will specialize on clarifying questions arising in churches, ecumenical fellowship, as well as on new prerequisites to solve controversial or conflicting questions of current Christianity.

Profile of the Graduate

The graduate of this program is able to carry out scientific research and conceptual projection and planning activities in the area of theology and its related subdisciplines. He/she understands the wider theological context as well as the theoretical solutions for conceptual thinking and activities in the church's life. Graduates may find themselves ready to work in various leadership positions, such as in the church, in church related and ecumenical organisations or institutions. The PhD. in theological studies also prepares a graduate to be able to take university teaching positions in departments of theology.

Requirements for Applicants

Applicants are required to have completed a Master's degree in a corresponding M.A. study program, such as Protestant Theology, Catholic Theology, Orthodox Theology, or Hussite Theology.

Exceptionally—in cases when the applicants will develop the issues of theology in an interdisciplinary way—their Master's degree may also be in closely related study programs, such as: philosophy, ethics, pedagogy, andragogy, psychology, or religious studies. All applicants must pass the entrance exam. It consists of knowledge associated with the following areas: Biblical theology, ecumenics, and a basic knowledge of German and English. A valid

certificate demonstrating that the applicant has successfully accomplished state exams in the German and English languages is accepted as an alternative to the language testing.

The PhD. in theological studies requires the completion of coursework, comprehensive exams, and a dissertation.

While the PhD. program is granted by the School of Education, Matej Bel University, it is governed by the Theology Field Commission that is comprised of prestigious professors of numerous Slovak universities. The program is open for all excellent students regardless of their denominational background.

Program Faculty

Lectures and seminars are held by selected lecturers from the University of Matej Bel in Banská Bystrica. The teaching process is conducted in the Slovak or English language.

Lecturers and Advisers

Prof. ThDr. Pavel Procházka, PhD.

Prof. ThDr. PhDr. PaedDr. Imre Peres, PhD.

Prof. ThDr. Ján Liguš, PhD.

Prof. PaedDr. Vojtech Korim, CSc.

Prof. ThDr. ICDr. Anton Fabian, PhD

Doc. ThDr. Albín Masarik, PhD.

Doc. ThDr. Pavel Hanes, PhD.

Doc. PaedDr. Dana Hanesová, PhD.

Doc. RNDr. Jarmila Brincková, CSc.

Doc. PhDr. Slavomír Krupa, PhD.

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account number 7000095590/8180 account symbol 10710303,

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Fees: Tuition fee for one school year (2 semesters) is 2500 euro and it is due to be paid by the date of registration for the study.

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